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APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF (37 CFR 1.193)

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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Appellants now present this Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer of February 6, 2008, and make the following responses to the Examiner's arguments. Appellants' Reply Brief responds to several of the arguments made by the Examiner in the Examiner's Answer. For a full discussion of Appellants' arguments, see Appellants' Appeal Brief, filed on November 13, 2007.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.